
**CITY OF TEMPE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Council Meeting Date: 6/23/2016
Agenda Item: 5C1**

ACTION: Adopt a resolution approving a grant from the Arizona State Library for a new Library Services and Technology Act Grant and authorizing the use of such grant funds. (Resolution No. R2016.54)

FISCAL IMPACT: The amount of the grant award is \$15,000 in federal funds. Acceptance of this grant does not require any matching city funds. Sufficient budget appropriation for expenditure of this grant is authorized in the Governmental Grants (Fund 46) as part of the FY 2015-16 adopted budget.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. R2016.54.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In 2009 the Tempe Public Library underwent an extensive renovation project, completely overhauling the layout and location of library services and collections. As the project closed, it was evident that new signage was required, but the aftershocks of the economic recession limited the library from taking on another large-scale project. Consequently, the Library is underequipped with basic directional and informational signage. The library foyer does not possess any signage directing patrons to essential services such as service desks, printers or the Youth Library. The few signs the library currently uses have not been assessed for their adequacy at meeting the needs of Tempe's diverse community. The grant funds will be used to hire a signage design contractor to assist in planning a wayfinding signage system at the Tempe Public Library. According to the United States Census Bureau, Tempe is comprised of 8% senior citizens, who may need visual or dementia-friendly accommodations, and 25% non-native English speakers, who may need bilingual, Universal Symbol or isotype based signage to circumvent the language barrier. Expert consultants can assist the library in crafting a basic entry and orientation signage system that meets all these needs, in addition to compliance with building codes and ADA standards.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution, Grant Award Notification

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